

NOMINATION FOR AWARD

AWARD Outstanding Reserve Component Public Affairs Officer		CATEGORY (If Applicable) Individual	AWARD PERIOD Jan 02 - Dec 02
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RANK/NAME OF UNIT COMMANDER (First, Middle Initial, Last)/COMMANDER'S TELEPHONE (DSN & Commercial) Lieutenant General Richard V. Reynolds, DSN: 785-5714, COMM: (937)255-5714, Email: richard.reynolds@wpafb.af.mil			
SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Use single-spaced, bullet format)			
<p>Overall Effectiveness/Job Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Top IMA on the Center command staff"--IMA to ASC/CC, committed to post 9/11 extended tour - "My #1 IMA on command staff--top 1% of 39 O-5 IMAs--one of my top officers, period!"--ASC/CX - "#1 IMA I've worked with in my 26 years! Exemplary officer ... mentor--bar none!"--ASC/PA - "My 'go to' person on the toughest jobs--thrives on the challenge--delivers ... every time!"--ASC/PA - Deftly handled responses to queries when F/A-22 \$690M cost overrun story broke--public informed - Key player for First Lady's "Troops to Teachers" salute here--praised by First Lady's press officer - Rescued Valor Park Medal of Honor memorial event--turned a potential fiasco into heroes' tribute -- Persisted when told "no" at every turn--secured fly-by over Mother's Day "no-fly" weekend - Created ASC Support to the Warfighter Communications Plan, monthly inputs so clearly, concisely written, became AFMC's standard; tells ASC story via sure-fire messages in hands of senior leaders - In addition to required duty, performed 139-day manday tour, expertly filled key deputy PA position <p>Leadership/Organizational & Planning Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expertly led the Air Force's largest installation public affairs office with 100 percent mission success! - When the PA director is away, ASC/CC has one question: "Will Mona be there?" A proven leader - "Top tier ... exceptional leader"--ASC/PA; "Visionary leader ... thinker--my top IMA!"--ASC/CX - Unselfish servant--volunteered to lead PA team through transformation minefield--through bold personnel moves, optimized PA to rapidly deliver information to the warfighter and the public - Developed first-ever Employer Appreciation Day with ASC IMA employers--included C-141 orientation flight, employers saw Total Force in action, cemented employer Reserve program support - Developed weekly hour-long drive-time radio show--delivers Wright-Patt messages to thousands - Initiated monthly officer mentoring luncheons--active, reserve CGOs get valuable time with leadership - Key player in early 2003 Centennial of Flight plan; information transfer to project officer invaluable - Kept ASC/PA IMA vacancies filled with qualified officers, NCOs--we stay at or above 100% - Senior Individual Mobilization Augmentee School graduate, enhanced ability to lead unit's IMAs -- Selected to teach course to other senior IMAs--further testimony of outstanding ability, commitment - Selected for highly coveted Reserve Component National Security Course--a tough selection process - Recognized professional--selected by command staff to serve on installation CGO of year board <p>Judgment and Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forward thinker--revamped existing checklists and PA processes to create first-ever checklists for weapons of mass destruction response--Team Wright-Patt now better prepared to face today's threats - After successful PA transformation, selected by CC's staff director to facilitate Protocol off-site -- Led group through conflict resolution process, confrontational personnel issues--produced group teambuilding; established cohesive work relationships, clear definitions of job responsibilities - Pushed for divestiture of PA staff responsibilities with local civic organization; freed up critical assets - Provided expert guidance to AF's largest Security Review program--supports F/A-22, C-17, UAV, AF Research Lab, this year's case load exceeded 3,000--balanced releasability with security concerns <p>Communication Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expert communicator--when base computer network received massive attack, delivered clear "nothing compromised, network defenses worked" messages to local, national media--public reassured - The best--from prep for First Lady's visit to delivering precision guided messages on AF's top issues - On point for deployment coverage--1.7M in two states see Team Wright-Patt defending freedom - Delivered Total Force message to 300+ non-choir community leaders at Reserve 2-star promotion, secured media coverage reaching thousands in city where Air Force presence is nearly non-existent - Wrote precision guided messages responding to local West Nile Virus case during height of national coverage--Team Wright-Patt work force, public informed, reassured, potential media frenzy avoided - Developed electronic method for timely updates to IMAs--they're informed, get training on-time 			